

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

1.0 Name of the Action:

Cedar Pass Airfield

2.0 Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives:

The proposed action would be to construct a 5,000 foot long by 100 foot wide dirt runway within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) also known as Nellis Air Force Range (NAFR). The area would be used to provide unlimited specialized training under simulated battlefield conditions for aircrews and ground forces.

Alternatives would be no action, locate the airfield near Ragged Ridge, Mud Lake, or use existing airfields at Mellan, Alamo, or Rachel Nevada.

3.0 Summary of Environmental Impacts:

3.1 Air Quality

The proposed action will have an insignificant impact on air quality. Air quality impacts will occur from fugitive dust emissions caused by grading and vehicle, and aircraft emissions. A Surface Disturbance Permit will not be required.

3.2 Water Quality

Water quality will not be affected by the proposed action. Storm water run off will be engineered into the project. The proposed action will require a Storm Water Permit.

3.3 Biological Resources

The proposed action would require grading of vegetation. The impact anticipated will be negligible or undetectable on any federally threatened, endangered, sensitive vegetation or wildlife. Invasive plants would be controlled by approved herbicides and/or grading.

3.4 Cultural Resources

A survey of the project area determined that there are no prehistoric or historic sites affected by the proposed action.

4.0 Conclusion:

On the basis of the findings of the Environmental Assessment, no significant impact is anticipated from the proposed action on human health or the natural environment. A Finding of No Significant Impact is warranted and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this action.



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